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## **CLAIMS**

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1. A hose storage device, said device including:

an upper portion and a lower portion, said upper portion adapted to be seated upon and supported by said lower portion;

said upper portion including a side wall terminating with a lower edge; said lower portion including a side wall, said side wall including a port through which a hose may extend, and terminating with an upper edge;

a retractable hose reel housed within said lower portion;

wherein when said upper portion is correctly seated upon said lower portion
one of said edges of said upper or lower portions is spaced outwardly from said other
edge.

- 2. The hose storage device as claimed in claim 1, wherein when said upper portion is correctly seated upon said lower portion one of said edges of said upper or lower portions extends over said other edge.
- The hose storage device as claimed in claim 2, wherein when said upper portion is correctly seated upon said lower portion said lower edge of said upper portion extends over said upper edge of said lower portion.
  - 4. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said side wall of said upper portion terminates with a lower peripheral edge and said side wall of said lower portion terminates with an upper peripheral edge, wherein when said upper portion is correctly seated upon said lower portion said lower peripheral edge of said upper portion extends over said upper peripheral edge of said lower portion.
  - 5. The hose storage device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said lower peripheral edge of said upper portion is located radially outwardly from said upper peripheral edge of said lower portion.
    - 6. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein said side walls of said upper and lower portions are outwardly curved.
- 7. The hose storage device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the lower peripheral edge of the upper portion lies approximately at the apex of the outwardly curved wall.

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- 8. The hose storage device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the radially widest portion of the lower extremities of the side wall of the said upper portion is located above or radially outwards of the upper extremities of the said lower portion side wall.
- 9. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein said upper portion further includes a base wall.
- 10. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein said lower portion further includes a base wall.
- 11. The hose storage device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said side wall and base wall of said upper portion are contiguous and form a water tight vessel.
- 10 12. The hose storage device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said base wall of said upper portion includes one or more drain holes.
  - 13. The hose storage device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the said base wall of said upper portion includes a channel for collecting and directing water to said drain holes.
- 15 14. The hose storage device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said channel extends around the outer perimeter of the base wall of the upper portion.
  - 15. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 14 wherein either or both of said upper and lower portions are formed from fibre-glass reinforced concrete.
- 16. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 15 wherein said port is formed as part of a recess in said side wall, said recess adapted to accommodate a hose fitting.
  - 17. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 16, wherein said port is a vertical slot.
- 18. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17, wherein said side or base of the lower portion has one or more holes or channels to permit connection of water and/or electricity supply.
  - 19. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 18 wherein said lower portion contains a space to accommodate a counterweight.

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- 20. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 19 wherein said lower portion includes a cover.
- 21. The hose storage device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 20, wherein said upper portion takes the form of a pot for containing plants.